

Federal Exemptions for Oregon Farm Plates:

The Oregon Dept. of Transportation already has the authority to inspect all trucks--including farm plated ones for compliance with Oregon's DMV laws. This covers basic parts and accessories. No additional authority is needed for compliance with duplicative federal standards.

The Oregon legislature has treated farm plated trucks the same way since 1978 with no increases in accidents. No additional inspection authority is needed.

It makes sense to grant Oregon the exemption as proposed by ODOT, then request a safety record from ODOT before granting a renewal every 2 years. This would allow the US DOT to watchdog truck safety in Oregon without forcing the state to implement unnecessary regulations on agriculture.

Sincerely-- Nancy & Vern Thornton